

"This ARGUS o'er the people's rights
Doth an eternal vigil keep;

No soothing strains of Maia's son
Can lull its hundred eyes to sleep."

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The Third Annual Convention Association of Launderers In Session Monday. Representatives From Many Cities and Towns of Carolina Extended Cordial Welcome and Royal Hospitality.

The third annual convention of the Launderers' Association of the Carolinas, by special invitation of its public spirited and hospitable local member, Mr. H. B. Griffin, convened in this city Monday and was largely attended by representative citizens from the more progressive towns of the sister Carolinas, and as they sit in conference they are good to look upon, for they are, indeed, truly typical "captains of industry," hustlers for business and promoters of progress and health, in that they are advocates of giving the public the best possible facilities at the least cost for hygienic laundering, thereby improving the health of the home and the person, and thus, in the aggregate, the community—just the line of work the Goldsboro Steam Laundry is doing for our city, and this is the reason why it should be patronized by the community as a whole—why such plants should be patronized in every intelligent and sagacious community in which such are to be found.

Goldsboro, as usual, endeavored to make these visiting gentlemen glad they came and render their stay among us in every way enjoyable. At 10 o'clock Monday the convention was formally called to order in the Public Comfort Rooms of the Goldsboro Chamber of Commerce by its president, Mr. C. M. Brown, of Asheville, N. C., and the divine blessing was invoked upon its deliberations by Rev. J. Gilmer Buskie, rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, in a brief prayer that was admirably appropriate and impressive.

On behalf of the city, Col. Jos. E. Robinson, editor of *The Argus*, welcomed the convention to Goldsboro, the Best Town in the State, his words being cordially received, and the response was made by Mr. H. A. Smith, of Florence, S. C., expressing the appreciation of the Association, both of the invitation extended them to meet here and the welcome extended them. Without further ceremony the convention got speedily down to business, as outlined in the program published in Saturday's *Argus*, and when the morning session was completed they adjourned to have their photograph taken in a body, which was done by Goldsboro's competent young artist, Mr. A. G. Clement, in front of the Goldsboro Steam Laundry, and again in front of the Elks' Club, the hospitalities of which are extended to the visitors while in the city. This was the occasion of many exchanges of rare wit and running repartee among these gentlemen that was hilariously enjoyed.

The afternoon's business session was opened at 2 o'clock, but adjourned at 3 o'clock to the Country Club, the members leaving on the 3:10 train for that delightful location, where the deliberations were resumed at 3:45 and culminated in a barbecue that evening, tendered by "mine host," Mr. B. H. Griffin, a-la-Country Club: that is the finest of which the art is capable; so that, with Col. W. B. Fort, the personification of Southern hospitality, according to the old school of Southern gentlemen, on hand to see it well served, it is safe to announce, even now, that we have met the "Launderers' Association of the Carolinas," and they are ours.

The following gentlemen, representing their respective laundries, were in attendance:

Messrs. C. C. Harding, of Chicago, representing the Troy Laundry Machine Co.; J. R. Golter, Greensboro; C. N. Brown, Asheville; R. M. Hadley, Greensboro; C. A. Vick, Kinston; D. R. Farthing, Rock Hill, S. C.; Alderman P. M. Cave, Charlotte; W. G. Hearst, Philadelphia; E. B. Stanley, Cincinnati; J. D. Barnes, Wilson; T. R. Hudgens, Greenville, S. C.; H. A. Smith, Florence, S. C.; D. F. Lane, Manufacturer of laundry caskets, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; J. W. Stuart, of New Bern; Z. J. Rutherford, Philadelphia; J. H. Ledbetter, Rocky Mount; P. K. Morris, Baltimore; L. H. Straus, New York; C. M. Matthews, Wyandotte, Mich.; John M. Dick, Greensboro; F. D. Lethco, Charlotte; J. K. Riggs, Asheville; B. F. Kaufman, Charlotte; S. T. Thomason, Columbia, S. C.; M. H. Epps, Charlotte; John A. Young, Columbia, S. C.; A. A. Glass, Louisville; William S. West, Raleigh; P. E.

Morgan, Gaffney, S. C., and B. H. Griffin, of this city.

The business meeting at the Country Club was so expeditious that the entire program was completed and the convention there adjourned sine die. At this meeting the by-laws of the association were changed in regard to calling for an annual meeting, and semi-annual meetings were substituted. This was determined upon because this growing and exacting interests of the laundry business call for more frequent general conferences of the association. This being determined upon, Asheville, N. C., was unanimously chosen as the place for holding the next semi-annual meeting.

The annual election of officers resulted in the selection of the following gentlemen:

President—H. A. Smith, of Florence, S. C.

First Vice-President—C. A. Vick, of Kinston, N. C.

Second Vice-President—John H. Ledbetter, of Rocky Mount, N. C.

Secretary and Treasurer—M. H. Epps, of Charlotte, N. C.

Chairman of Conference Committee, to confer with the National Association, relative to organizing an Association in Virginia—B. H. Griffin, of this city.

The convention passed resolutions expressive of their appreciation of the welcome and hospitality extended them by Goldsboro, and appointed a special committee to draft and convey to Mr. B. H. Griffin the association's thanks for his royal entertainment.

After the festivities of the barbecue, that was served in regulation style, with all the essential accoutrements, the visitors returned to the city and availed themselves of the convenient schedules for returning to their respective homes.

REPORTED THAT PETROSINO WAS TO PROTECT ROOSEVELT

Was Killed by "Black Hand" by Whom He Was Dressed.

Naples, March 14.—A story is current here that Petrosino, although he was engaged in the special mission of compiling the records of Italian criminals, came to Italy for the purpose also of protecting ex-President Roosevelt during the latter's approaching visit. It is even stated that Petrosino intended to accompany the ex-President during his stay here, and perhaps after that, disguised as a Monk. The authorities say that there is no truth in these reports.

Nicaragua Will Not Allow Relations to Strain.

Washington, D. C., March 15.—Senator Espinoza, the Nicaraguan minister to the United States, has received important advices from his government relative to the controversy between the United States and Nicaragua, which he will communicate to the State Department this afternoon, when he holds a conference with Secretary Knox. The minister said he was disposed to doubt that hostilities had broken out between Nicaragua and San Salvador, and said his country would not suffer her friendly relations with the United States to become strained.

WILL CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING MARCH 21

Invitations Received in This City to Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. William Harris.

Dr. and Mrs. William Harris, of Wilson, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary Sunday, March 21, at their home. Many friends in this city have received invitations to this celebration.

Dr. and Mrs. Harris are the parents of Mrs. H. L. Cohen and Mr. Max Harris, of Mount Olive, and are well-known in Goldsboro and Wayne county.

Fire Destroyed Barn Sunday Night.

The barn and stables of Mr. John R. Crawford, just outside the city limits, were destroyed by fire Sunday night. The origin of the blaze is unknown.

The loss on the buildings and contents is about \$300, partly insured.

WRECK ON SEABOARD.

Fireman Killed and Several Injured in Crash of Trains Near Sanford.

Raleigh, N. C., March 13.—As a result of a head-on collision early this morning between Seaboard Air Line Southbound Florida Limited passenger train No. 33 and northbound through freight No. 24, Fireman Lindsay, colored, of the passenger train, was killed, Engineer Ed. Robertson, of the passenger train, was painfully cut about the head and back and badly bruised, Conductor Cox has his right leg broken below the knee, his thigh badly wrenched and other injuries and Baggage Master Duval and Express Messenger Rowe are both painfully but not seriously injured. Both engines, the express car and a combination car of the passenger train and two box cars of the freight are badly smashed. The cause of the wreck was overlooking orders by Engineer M. J. Eisenhart, of the freight train to give right of way to the passenger train on a belated schedule. The injured were carried to the hospital at Sanford for treatment.

PREFERRED SUICIDE.

Capt. W. A. Kinyon, Slowly Dying Through Consumption, Sent Bullet Through His Brain.

Wilmington Star, March 14.

In the last stages of dread consumption and deeply despondent over his condition, Captain William A. Kinyon, a well-known retired tug boat master, who lately returned to Wilmington from New York, where he spent the past twenty years of his life, committed suicide early yesterday afternoon by sending a ball crashing through his brain in his room at the residence of his relative, Mrs. J. W. Taylor, No. 130 Dock street, where he and Mrs. Kinyon had made their home for several weeks.

THE NEW CONGRESS.

The battle lines at Washington are well formed, and the thing to be fought out is not the defeat of Joe Cannon for re-election as speaker, but a revision of the rules of both House and Senate. The insurgent members of the House desire the appointment of a committee whose duty it shall be to name the committees of the House, and they desire a revision of the House rules so that the Speaker cannot piggy-back bills and squelch all but subversive members. In the Senate the newer Senators propose to take the control out of the hands of a few men by making the committee on committees larger. It is a big fight and it comes on at the very beginning of the new Congress.

Joe Cannon and Aldrich are working hand in hand. They always have. Both represent special interests, and both are pulling together to keep themselves in power and to protect the special interests that they represent.

They have cunningly made President Taft their ally by pitting an early revision of the tariff against an early revision of the rules. By convincing the President that a struggle over a revision of the rules of the two houses would delay tariff revision they have won him over at least to some extent. He wants speedy tariff revision first of all.

There is, however, no reason why the Senate cannot get out from under Aldrich's thumb while the House is passing the tariff bill, and the House can seek relief from its overbowed condition while the Senate is working on the tariff. A way can be found to revise the rules of either house if the insurgents are in earnest and will stand together, and that, too, without delaying tariff revision.

Cannon and Aldrich have the battle of their lives on their hands, and they are putting duties up and down in order to strengthen themselves politically. The entire situation is a scandal, but it is one of those scandals that the Republican party has become accustomed to and a helpless country must accept.

SOUTHERN PINES CHOSEN.

Civil War Veterans Will Hold Next Encampment at Famous Resort.

Fitzgerald, Ga., March 13.—The Blue and Gray Association at its annual encampment here today selected Southern Pines, N. C., for the next reunion. The following officers were elected:

Commander-in-chief, Major B. F. Dixon, North Carolina; senior vice-commander, Capt. William M. McCormick, Georgia; junior vice-commander, Capt. Joseph Price, Florida; chaplain-in-chief, Rev. W. S. Harden, Georgia; judge advocate general, O. S. Deming, Warren, O.; quartermaster general, C. H. Worth, Texas.

A national auxiliary was organized today with Mrs. J. T. Stockton, of Chicago, as president, and Mrs. Lena Burdick, of Fitzgerald, as secretary. The encampment closed this afternoon.

ATKINSON CAUGHT SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Wanted on Charge of Shooting at Policeman Ward Last Month.

PECULIAR BICYCLE DEAL

Smith Arrested on Charge of Larceny, Convicts Jones, Who Was Released From Roads Saturday.

Mayor Ormond held a busy session of court this morning, as there were many whose "trials and tribulations" were to be settled. Sentences were imposed as follows:

John Atkinson, resisting an officer and carrying concealed weapons, in default of \$150 bond, committed to jail to await April term of court.

Thomas Mulford, disorderly conduct, \$5 and costs.

Henry Jones, larceny of bicycle, committed to jail in default of \$50 bond.

Lula Smith and Charles Reid, disorderly conduct, \$1 and costs.

Exciting Chase After Atkinson.

Chief of Police Jack Fulghum and Deputy Sheriff Toler indulged in an exciting chase Saturday afternoon, which finally resulted in the capture of John Atkinson. It will be remembered that Atkinson shot at Policeman Ward on the 10th of February and thus escaped arrest. Chief Fulghum had been watching for him since and Saturday learned that he was in Edmundsonton. With the aid of Deputy Toler they drove to a house where Atkinson was stopping and then the fun and excitement began. Atkinson started in the direction of the Odd Fellows' Home. Children at the orphanage seeing the running man with his tongue hanging out and looking wild, fled in all directions, and employees at the Home appeared at various doors with every conceivable weapon in their hands, prepared to defend themselves from the seem-to-be intruder. However, Atkinson kept going and did not stop until he attempted to jump a ditch, when he fell. This gave the officers an advantage and as he arose both Fulghum and Toler shot and commanded the man to halt. This he did and when commanded by Chief Fulghum to throw up his hands higher, Atkinson stood on his tip-toes. He was searched, but no weapons were found upon his person.

A Peculiar Bicycle Deal.

The arrest of Thomas Smith, colored, Saturday, charged with the larceny of a bicycle owned by Mr. Lee Barnes, brought to light a peculiar deal. Smith gave bond in the sum of \$50, and asked that the hearing be postponed until this morning, to which the mayor consented.

Saturday night Smith began a search for the man from whom he had purchased the wheel just one month ago for which he paid \$2. He found the man and with aid of friends engaged him in conversation until he secured the services of Chief Jack Fulghum, when he had the man, Henry Jones, arrested as the guilty party.

It was discovered that Jones stole the wheel Saturday night, February 13, and late that night sold it to Smith. Jones was sentenced to the roads February 15, charged with vagrancy and was released Saturday morning. He will likely be returned to the roads at the April term of court.

TAFT WALKS TO CHURCH.

New President Goes Afoot to Presbyterian House of Worship and Is Prayed for by the Pastor.

Washington, D. C., March 14.—Forsaking his own church for the day, President Taft attended services this morning at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, where President Lincoln and other famous statesmen once worshipped.

Mr. Taft left the White House with Mrs. Nicholas L. Anderson, of this city, who accompanied him to the church. Together they walked four blocks to the church.

Rev. Wallace Radcliffe, pastor of the church, referred directly to the President in his opening prayer, saying: "Bless William Howard Taft and all his Cabinet; bless the Legislature and the officers of the army and navy; bless the administration and make it a power for good in the world."

After the services the congregation stood while the President and Mrs. Anderson walked out. Mr. Taft returned to the White House on foot.

GRAND LODGE L. O. O. F. IN MAY.

Odd Fellows to Assemble in Charlotte May 11 to 13.

Charlotte Observer.

Local Odd Fellows are already beginning to manifest a vast deal of interest in the meeting of the Grand Lodge L. O. O. F., of the State of North Carolina, which is to be held in Charlotte May 11, 12 and 13. The last meeting was held in Hendersonville and was regarded as one of the most successful that ever assembled in the State. All indications point to the fact that the Charlotte convention will surpass that of any other in point of delegates in attendance as well as in interest shown. At least 300 officers and representatives of subordinate lodges and 500 visitors are expected, making a total of 800. The local lodges will spare no trouble or expense to give the visitors a royal reception. The programme has not yet been perfected so far as the entertainment features are concerned, but it will be announced soon.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

Noted Negro Educator Spends a Day and Night in Charlotte.

Charlotte Observer.

Dr. Booker T. Washington the wizard of Tuskegee Institute and the foremost negro leader in America, reached the city last night from New York, spending the night with Bishop George W. Clinton, of the A. M. E. Zion Church, and will leave this morning for Rock Hill, S. C., where he will begin a tour through the state of South Carolina.

Dr. Washington is touring South Carolina for the purpose of studying the progress made by the negroes along educational and industrial lines and to inspire them to greater efforts and to cement as far as possible the friendly relation between the races. He made a similar trip through Mississippi last October which is said to have been productive of much good to the negroes. He will make a number of speeches to members of his race. This will be his first trip through the state of South Carolina, though he has visited the state at various times.

STRIKE NIPPED IN THE BUD.

Paris Telegraphers Walk Out, But Are Brought Back by Firm Hand of the Government.

Paris, March 13.—A strike of the telegraph operators in this city ended late this afternoon as suddenly as it began. The operators yielded before the energetic attitude of the government, which threatened instant dismissal unless work was resumed, with the loss of state servant privileges. Tonight the service was normal.

For several hours today the city was cut off from telegraphic communication with the outside world, a general strike occurring following a quarrel between a sub-chief and the men. The government lost no time in placing guards in the various stations and in issuing an ultimatum, which immediately brought a large majority of the telegraphers back to their keys.

HIS ALLOWANCE INCREASED.

John Armstrong Chandler, Who Was Recently Adjudged Insane, Is Granted an Increase of \$3,000 in His Yearly Allowance.

New York, March 13.—An application to increase the yearly allowance from the Chanler estate, of John Armstrong Chandler, who now lives on his farm known as "The Merry Hills," at Cobham, Va., was granted by Justice Fitzgerald in the Supreme Court today.

The papers in the case state that Chandler is leading the life of a country gentleman, is a welcome guest at the homes of the best families in Virginia and is competent to manage his farm and personal affairs. In June, 1899, Chandler was adjudged insane by the Supreme Court of this state, and committed to Bloomingdale. He escaped from the asylum in 1900 and fled to Virginia. He is a brother of former Lieutenant-Governor Chanler, of this state. The application was made by counsel for Thomas T. Sherman, who was appointed a committee of the person and property of Chandler, and \$13,000 a year was asked where before it had been \$10,000.

Virginia Cashier Must Pay Penalty.

Richmond, Va., March 14.—Governor Swanson announced today that he will not interfere in the case of E. W. Overby, the cashier of the wrecked Bank of Mecklenburg, who is sentenced to serve three years in the state penitentiary for wrecking the bank.

The jury recommended clemency and strong petitions were presented to the governor. The city council and mayor of Mecklenburg yesterday telegraphed their protests to the governor.

Both Houses of Congress Met at Noon Monday In Extraordinary Session

First Session of Sixty-First Congress-- President Taft Delivered Message Tuesday--Cannon Again Speaker.

Washington, March 15.—Both houses of Congress met at noon today in extraordinary session, with Vice-President Sherman presiding in the Senate and for the time, Clerk McDowell officiating in the House.

This was the first session of the Sixty-first Congress, and the first act of importance in the House will be organization for business. The Senate is organized. The credentials of Senator Stephenson, of Wisconsin will be presented.

Later in the week the Senate will begin to reorganize its standing committees, and until this is done little business will be undertaken.

The House may be expected to make up for the Senate deficiencies in activity. With a fight on the rules in prospect, in addition to the election of Speaker, and other officers, to say nothing of the usual biennial lottery for seats, Monday bids fair to be a crowded day in the House. The action of the Republican caucus makes certain the re-election of Speaker Cannon and of the other House officers, but there is still doubt as to just what may be done with the rules.

It is understood that if the selection of the committee is left to the Speaker, he will designate all the old members of the committee who were re-elected to Congress. This would leave but one vacancy, that caused by the retirement of Mr. Bonyne, of Colorado, and it is intimated that Representative Mondell, of Wyoming, will be chosen for that position.

Within a day or two, after it is reported, the tariff bill will be taken up for consideration, and the debate, which will last anywhere from two to four weeks, will be launched.

Cannon Again Wins Speakership.

At the Republican caucus in Washington Saturday night, Joseph G. Cannon, proclaimed by his friends as the "Iron Duke of American politics," was selected as the candidate of his party for the Speakership of the House of Representatives. At the same time the caucus bound its members to vote for the adoption of the incoming House of the rules which governed the last House.

It is the fourth time the honor has been conferred upon Mr. Cannon. But neither the selection of a candidate for Speaker, nor the vote on the rules was characterized by the unanimity of party feeling that attended the three preceding caucuses. There was plenty of evidence of the insurrection, promised for today against the Cannon organization, but in the main the most determined anti-Cannon Republicans were not present.

Following is the personnel of the House organization as chosen by the Republican caucus:

For Speaker, Joseph G. Cannon, of Illinois.

For Clerk of the House, Alexander McDowell, of Pennsylvania.

For Postmaster, Samuel A. Langum, of Minnesota.

For Sergeant-at-Arms, Henry Casson, of Wisconsin.

For Doorkeeper, F. E. Lyon, of New York.

For chaplain, Rev. Henry N. Cotton, of the First preacher.

All these were selected as candidates to succeed themselves.

Representative Currier, of New Hampshire, was elected chairman of the caucus, and Representative Loudenslager, of New Jersey, elected to succeed himself as its secretary. Representative John W. Dwight, of New York, was chosen "whip" of the next House.

North Carolina is playing an important part in the fight between the insurgents and the regulars of the House over Speaker Cannon and the rules. Representatives Morehead, Grant and Cowles, the three newly elected Republican members from the Tar Heel State, may have enough votes to decide the most important question of the hour. Mr. Morehead was asked concerning his position on the all-absorbing issues—Cannon and the rules—and he said that he could be counted with the regulars. Grant said that he would stand with the organization and was very emphatic in this announcement. Mr. Cowles will be with Morehead and Grant. Therefore three votes from North Carolina will be counted for the regulars.

Shade Davis, Jr., fractured his hip today by falling from a wagon in crossing the railroad near the knitting mill.

If Mr. Champ Clark tries to line up the Democrats with the insurgents, he will find that many of them will balk. He cannot carry through any sort of fusion.

Representative Grant went to the White House Saturday to see the President. He was accompanied and introduced by Representative Stemp, of Virginia. Mr. Taft congratulated the North Carolinian on being one of the new members elected over a Democrat.

COTTON GOODS AND THE TARIFF.

The South's Interest in This Regard Will Be Safeguarded by Intelligent Co-operation.

The Georgia Industrial Association has called a conference of cotton mill men and other manufacturers to consider the tariff. Mr. R. M. Miller, Jr., president of the Cotton Manufacturers' Association of North Carolina, has appointed Messrs. Arthur J. Draper, S. B. Tanner and D. A. Tompkins to attend this meeting tomorrow, March 16, at the Piedmont Hotel, Atlanta.

Mr. Tompkins has another engagement and cannot go but expresses himself about the subject for which the meeting is called as follows:

"The present duties on coarse cotton goods, such as are made in the South, are necessary for the maintenance of our factory system. The factory system is necessary to the welfare of the Southern cotton farmer.

"The factory system has already taken enough people out of the business of raising cotton to make the price of cotton double what it used to be. It has given good values to perishable farm products, such as vegetables, fruits, chickens, eggs, milk, butter, etc., by the markets the factory people make for these. It helps by taxes to provide good roads which in turn enhance the value of land and of markets. Now that we have the factories everybody is better off than they used to be when everybody was raising cotton at 5 cents a pound.

"The reason why the present duties are necessary is that England has over us the following advantages in cotton manufacture:

1. She has an army of textile workers having an inheritance of special knowledge and skill.
2. An abundance of labor which does not shift.
3. A merchant marine whose ships take the goods from the mill door via the Manchester ship canal to all parts of the world.
4. Abundant capital and cheap interest rates.
5. A Royal exchange in Manchester, the center of the English mill districts, where the buyers of the world meet the mill men and trade direct.
6. A banking system which extends into the markets centres the world over, which gives safety to credits and safe exchange.
7. We have no advantage in the price of cotton. It goes in subsidized English ships from Galveston and other American ports and is delivered at the mill down in Manchester as cheap as at Fall River or Charlotte.

"England's advantages may be estimated as follows:

1. Inherited knowledge and skill, 2 1-2 per cent.
2. Abundant cheap labor, 2 1-2 per cent.
3. Merchant marine (subsidized) 5 per cent.
4. Abundant cheap capital, 2 1-2 per cent.
5. Royal exchange, 5 per cent.
6. Banking system in foreign commercial centers, 2 1-2 per cent.
7. Raw cotton, 0.

"According to these estimates England has a distinct advantage of 20 per cent. over us on average numbers and counts, and this percentage becomes much greater in the coarser numbers, although specific duties would be less in cuts. It is very important that the Southern farmer and manufacturers co-operate to hold the tariff on coarse cotton goods at the present figures."

Injured by Fall From Wagon.

Shade Davis, Jr., fractured his hip today by falling from a wagon in crossing the railroad near the knitting mill.